

REMARKS

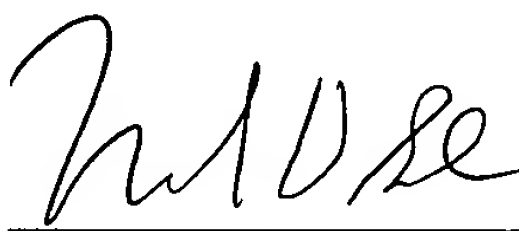
In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of two inventions: Group I consisting of Claims 1-7 and 20-22 drawn to a stent for treating stenosis and Group II consisting of claims 8-19 drawn to a system for treating stenosis in a blood vessel. However, claims 1-7 are also directed to a system for treating stenosis and therefore should be placed in Group II. Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II consisting of claims 8-19. This group should also have included claims 1-7 and Applicants request inclusion of these claims in Group II as well.

The Examiner also required election of species. The Examiner lists 11 species, but appears to omit the species of Figures 18-21B. Applicants however choose to elect the species of Figs. 18-21B. If the Examiner believes that this species should be grouped in one of the eleven listed species, for purposes of responsiveness of this amendment, the Figures of that species should also be selected. The claims, which read on this species, are claims 1, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 19. New dependent claims 23-28 have been added which also read on the elected species. Claims 2-7, 10-12, 14-15 and 20-22 have been canceled without prejudice.

Prompt and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe it would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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